

# Special Session

<b>Agenda Item #</b>	5
<b>Meeting Date</b>	July 30, 2007
<b>Prepared By</b>	Chief Ronald Ricucci
<b>Approved By</b>	Barbara B. Matthews City Manager

<b>Discussion Item</b>	Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing the Lease Purchase of Police Cruisers
<b>Background</b>	<p>In the FY08 budget, the Council re-affirmed the plan that would increase the number of vehicles in the fleet to provide take home cars for more police officers. The plan calls for the purchase of an additional five vehicles in FY 08. Making an assumption that take home cars will be replaced every seven years, we can increase the fleet to the desired level by FY12; 15 vehicles were procured in FY07 and five vehicles are anticipated to be procured each year thereafter through FY12.</p> <p>The proposal is to use the Howard County Contract with Ford and the Ford Motor Municipal Financial Program to lease purchase the vehicles. The lease program provides for a five-year payment plan at 6.35% A.P.R. and a \$1 purchase price at the end of five years.</p>
<b>Policy</b>	<p>This a cooperative purchase in accordance with the provisions of the City Code. Competitive bidding is not required.</p> <p>Because the cost is in excess of \$10,000, Council approval of the purchase is required.</p> <p>Funding for the police vehicles is included in the adopted FY08 budget. Therefore, a single reading ordinance is appropriate.</p>
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	The cost of the lease agreement is \$177,154.33 payable over five years. The amount payable in FY08 is \$40,000.82.
<b>Attachments</b>	Proposed Ordinance
<b>Recommendation</b>	Council approve the attached Ordinance authorizing lease/purchase of five police cruisers.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2007 -**

**Authorization to Lease- Purchase Police Cruisers**

**WHEREAS,** the City provides take home cars to enhance the City's ability to hire and retain qualified police officers; AND

**WHEREAS,** the vehicles that best meet the needs of the City's Police Department are Ford Crown Victorias; AND

**WHEREAS,** the City of Takoma Park desires to participate in a Howard County Contract to purchase five police cruisers and related equipment and accessories; AND

**WHEREAS,** this is a cooperative purchase and competitive bidding is not required; AND

**WHEREAS,** lease purchasing these vehicles through the Ford Motor Company Municipal Lease-Purchase Plan is the most affordable way to accomplish the expansion of the fleet and replacement of existing vehicles; AND

**WHEREAS,** funding for the lease of said vehicles is available in the FY08 budget.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT:**

SECTION 1. The City Manager or designee is authorized to enter into a lease-purchase agreement with the Ford Motor Credit Company for five Crown Victoria Police Cars in the amount of \$177,154.53 payable over five years, with \$40,000.82 being payable in FY 08.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of July, 2007 by roll call vote as follows:

**AYE:**

**NAY:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**